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Activities on the Hanoi Front

1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Security Service in Hanoi, which forms part of the Hanoi Front, is made up of the following four branches:
  - a. Information Service, under Thanh.
  - b. Action Service, under Sung
  - c. Counter-espionage Service, under Kim Tan
  - d. Espionage Service, under Chan
2. The 802 Battalion of the Hanoi Front, commanded by Major Tran Vy, aka Tich, has been combined with the 3 Battalion and the Biet Dong Dei, which was placed directly under the orders of the Hanoi Security Service after the defection of Nguyen Chi Nam. At a meeting of Hanoi Front leaders held in April 1951 at Gao Da (105-05, 22-04), Ninh Binh Province, the 802 Battalion was directed to carry out the following orders:
  - a. Divide Hanoi into three interzones, which will be commanded by captains, each of which will include three or four subzones, commanded by lieutenants.
  - b. Infiltrate troops into Hanoi to organize pro-Ho Chi Minh organizations among the population.
3. The DRV plans to profit by each change in the Hanoi administrative organization to stage a mass infiltration of government services. Its principal objective is the formation of cells in factories such as STAI, SIE, Compagnie des Eaux, Boillot, Brasserie Hommel and the Societe des Tramways. The Societe des Tramways will be a special sabotage target because, together with the Eden and Majestic Movie Houses, it has not yet paid taxes to the DRV.
4. On 28 March 1951, the Chief of the Military Intelligence Service (Cuc Truong Cuc Tinh Bao), Colonel Tran Hieu, opened a course in espionage for 50 students at Phao Lang (104-52, 21-20), near Thai Nguyen. One group was graduated on

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30 April 1951 and beginning on 5 May were sent into Hanoi to begin the formation of cells. They were ordered to wait for instructions before committing any acts of sabotage.

#### Activities on the "Hoang Hoa Tham" Front

5. One of the objectives of the "Hoang Hoa Tham" offensive, launched by DRV forces in the Dong Trieu-Mao Khe region in mid-April 1951, was to drive French forces back on Haiphong, where they would be cut off from their supply of water. The DRV was unable to attain all of its objectives and the 308 Division, which is used as a striking force on the "Hoang Hoa Tham" front, was forced to withdraw to the north on 12 May.\*\* About 20 trucks left Langson daily via Bac Giang for the Luc Nam-Dong Trieu road with supplies for the Division in preparation for the next phase of the offensive, which is not yet completed.
6. DRV forces were able to effect partial destruction of the water works at Uong Bi and killed or wounded 2,000 French troops. French forces inflicted heavy losses on DRV guerrilla forces and were able to disperse almost all of the local guerrilla units. A battalion of the 66 Regiment, commanded by Nam Long was lost and one of its companies was completely annihilated by French planes during its retreat across a river.
7. French successes in the Ninh Giang (106-23, 20-44)-Ke Sat operations was the result of information supplied by a captain in the DRV 64 Regiment. DRV guerrilla units in this area were completely destroyed and regular troop losses equalled one company.

#### Activities in Intersector IV

8. The 304 Division\*\*\* is still the principal DRV force in Intersector IV. In early April 1951, the 428 Regiment, 304 Division, was to be reorganized as a division. This change has not yet been effected, however, because its replacement, the 52 Regiment, 304 Division, is in Tam Dao in charge of the transportation of material to Intersector III.

\* [ ] Comment. This information is supplementary to [ ] for other reports on the organization of the Hanoi Front.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. [ ] the 308 Division was en-route to Diem Dien as of 6 June 1951.

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\*\*\* [ ] Comment. [ ] the 304 Division was proceeding to Intersector IV with the mission of encircling Yen Son and Phat Diem as of 6 June 1951.

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